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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1994

1. BELOW IS IO AND L PRESS GUIDANCE ON RWANDA, AND AF
PRESS GUIDANCE ON NIGERIA AND ZAIRE.

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2. IO PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: CURRENT SITUATION

Q: PLEASE PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE FIGHTING AND UN PEACE
EFFORTS IN RWANDA.

A: UN SOURCES REPORT THAT INTENSE FIGHTING BETWEEN RPF
AND GOVERNMENT FORCES CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND IN
AND AROUND GITARAMA AND KIGALI. RPF FORCES TOOK CONTROL
OF GITARAMA, FORCING INTERIM GOVERNMENT POLITICAL LEADERS
AND THEIR MILITARY PROTECTORS TO FLEE WESTWARD TOWARD
ZAIRE. HEAVY ARTILLERY AND MORTAR EXCHANGES ARE
CONTINUING IN KIGALI, BUT NO CHANGES HAVE OCCURED IN THE
RELATIVE POSITIONS OF THE TWO FORCES THERE.

THE KIGALI AIRPORT REMAINS CLOSED AND UNAMIR ESCORTED

EVACUATIONS OF RWANDAN CIVILIANS FROM THE CITY REMAIN
SUSPENDED DUE TO THE HEAVY FIGHTING. HOWEVER, CONVOYS
BRINGING UN RELIEF SUPPLIES TO KIGALI BY LAND FROM UGANDA
ARE CONTINUING.

CEASE-FIRE TALKS UNDER UNAMIR AUSPICES BETWEEN RPF AND

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GOVERNMENT LEADERS IN KIGALI WERE HELD ON SATURDAY AND ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME TODAY. UNAMIR COMMANDER DALLAIRE TOLD THE PRESS OVER THE WEEKEND THAT HE IS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT A CEASE-FIRE IN THE NEAR-TERM BECAUSE BOTH SIDES APPEARED DISPOSED NOT TO QUIT UNTIL THEIR RESOURCES ARE EXHAUSTED.

3. L PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: GENOCIDE

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Q: DO WE AVOID LEGAL OBLIGATIONS BY SAYING THAT ACTS OF GENOCIDE MAY HAVE OCCURRED INSTEAD OF SAYING THAT GENOCIDE HAS OCCURRED?

A: NO. A CONCLUSION THAT GENOCIDE HAS OCCURRED IN RWANDA WOULD NOT IMPOSE ANY LEGAL OBLIGATIONS ON THE UNITED STATES. UNDER THE CONVENTION, THE PROSECUTION OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH GENOCIDE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE WHERE THE ACTS TOOK PLACE OR OF A COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL.

PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION MAY ALSO CALL UPON THE COMPETENT UN ORGANS TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PREVENT AND SUPPRESS ACTS OF GENOCIDE. WITH STRONG SUPPORT BY THE UNITED STATES, UN ORGANS HAVE TAKEN A NUMBER OF ACTIONS. THE SECURITY COUNCIL IMPOSED AN ARMS EMBARGO AND REVISED THE MANDATE OF UNAMIR. THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HAS DESIGNATED A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR WHOSE MANDATE INCLUDES INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE ACTS OF GENOCIDE.

4. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - ZAIRE: TSHISEKEDI DETAINED

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE DETENTION OF ZAIRIAN OPPOSITION LEADER ETIENNE TSHISEKEDI?

A: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE "UNION FOR DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL PROGRESS" (UDPS) LEADER ETIENNE TSHISEKEDI (CHI-SI-KAY-DEE) WAS ARRESTED AND DETAINED FOR SEVERAL HOURS BY ELEMENTS OF THE ZAIRIAN MILITARY ON JUNE 12.

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ALTHOUGH THE DETAILS OF THIS INCIDENT ARE NOT YET CLEAR, THE UNITED STATES EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN OVER MR. TSHISEKEDI'S ARREST AND DETENTION DURING THIS PERIOD OF HEIGHTENED TENSION IN ZAIRE.

5. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - NIGERIA: ARREST OF ABIOLA

Q: DID CHIEF M.K.O. ABIOLA DECLARE HIMSELF THE PRESIDENT OF NIGERIA?

A: WE UNDERSTAND THAT CHIEF ABIOLA HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT DECLARING HIMSELF PRESIDENT OF NIGERIA. HOWEVER, WE HAVE FEW DETAILS ABOUT THE DECLARATION OR ABOUT HOW IT WAS ISSUED.

Q: IS ABIOLA UNDER ARREST?

A: WE UNDERSTAND A WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR HIS ARREST, BUT THAT HE IS NOT IN CUSTODY. WE KNOW NOTHING OF HIS WHEREABOUTS AND HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH HIM SINCE HE LEFT HIS RESIDENCE OVER THE WEEKEND.

Q: DOES THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED BY ABIOLA?

A: THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS RESPONSIBLE EFFORTS TO RESTORE CIVILIAN, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT TO NIGERIA AND HAS CONSISTENTLY URGED THE NIGERIAN MILITARY TO RELEASE AND RESPECT THE RESULTS OF THE JUNE 12, 1993 ELECTIONS.

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THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT SUPPORTED, AND WILL NOT SUPPORT, ANY INDIVIDUAL. OUR INTEREST IS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AND RESPECT FOR A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS THAT ENSURES THAT THE WILL OF THE NIGERIAN PEOPLE IS RESPECTED. WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO NIGERIAN LEADERS THAT SANCTIONS IMPOSED IN THE WAKE OF THE ANNULMENT OF THE 1993 ELECTION WILL BE REVIEWED ONLY WHEN THE MILITARY REGIME DEMONSTRATES COMMITMENT TO THE RESTORATION OF DEMOCRATIC RULE UNHINDERED BY THE MILITARY.

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